

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The examiner has allowed claims 1-8 and 13-20. The examiner has further acknowledged that claims 10-12 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 9 has been amended to more accurately define the invention claimed.

Court (US Patent No. 4,852,728) discloses a disposable single use package comprising a short length of dental floss integrated in a packet with two pointed ends. In one embodiment, the two pointed ends are each formed in the shape of an acute angle of a triangle, thereby forming the two pointed ends. The packet is formed by first and second members releasably attached to one another to form an interior compartment for accommodating the length of dental floss.

Applicant's invention is a packaging for oral hygiene devices comprising an elongated hollow tubular housing with two non-pointed sealed ends and with an opening means between the two ends. A predetermined length of generally non-stretchable dental floss is disposed within the sealed hollow tubular elongated housing and affixed to the two ends of the elongated housing. An elongated member with one or more pointed ends is also disposed within said sealed elongated housing. Applicant's invention effectively and efficiently protects the dental floss and the elongated member from contamination and also protects the person carrying the oral hygiene devices from being injured by the oral hygiene devices.

Applicant hereby submits that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) have all been overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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